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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: BAKER, Keith H., et al :
Serial No.: 09/785,876 : Group Art Unit: 1751
Filed: February 16, 2001 : Examiner: E.B. Elhilo
For: **Compositions For Pre-Treating Shoes And Methods And Articles Employing Same**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

BOX AF
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 29, 2002, please amend the present application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 27.

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A pre-treating composition for shoes comprising a polymeric soil release agent in an amount effective to provide soil release benefit, and a spreading agent.